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DoD BIOMETRICS MANAGEMENT OFFICE AND AFCEA INTERNATIONAL HOST BIOMETRICS 2001 CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 7, 2001 – The Department of Defense (DoD) Biometrics Management Office (BMO) and the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) are hosting the first-ever Biometrics 2001 Conference, March 22, at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. The theme of this year's conference is *“Ensuring rapid, secure and authorized access to the Department of Defense.”*

Conference attendees will have an opportunity to learn more about the newly established DoD Biometrics Management Office and its plans for the future. In addition, attendees will participate in panel discussions and hear from various industry experts about a variety of biometrics technologies. Also, the input received from attendees as a result of panel discussion exchanges will be used to develop government-wide biometrics policies and implementation strategies.

“Securing our country's information systems, government buildings and facilities, and military infrastructures is an important national security issue of the highest priority,” said Phillip Loranger, DoD Biometrics director. “This conference not only educates attendees of the work being conducted by the DoD Biometrics Management Office, but informs them of the various biometrics technologies available to secure their organizations' systems as well.”

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Some of the exciting speakers and panel chairs scheduled to participate are Army Lt. Gen. Peter M. Cuvillo, director of Information Systems for C4, U.S. Army CIO; Commissioner Sandy Bates, General Services Administration/FTS; Jack Applebaum, engineer with the Diplomatic Security/Countermeasures Programs at the U.S. State Department; Jeffrey S. Dunn, chief of Identification and Authentication Research at the National Security Agency; and Navy VADM Richard Mayo, director of Space, Information Warfare, Command & Control, OPNAV N6.

“This conference’s purpose is two-fold,” said Lt. Gen. C. Norman Wood, USAF (Ret.), AFCEA International president and CEO. “One is to provide the DoD Biometrics Management Office a forum to highlight its work and educate industry professionals about DoD’s plans to implement the use of biometrics to secure its information infrastructure. We also want to educate government personnel on the future role of biometrics in their respective branches and/or divisions.”

For more information on the Biometrics 2001 Conference, contact Ana Wallace of AFCEA at (703) 631-6119 or visit the Web site at www.afcea.org.

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The mission of the Department of Defense Biometrics Management Office, established by Public Law 106-206 in July 2000, is to ensure the availability of biometric technologies within the DoD. The BMO, acting on behalf of the Secretary of the Army, operates as the executive agent to lead, consolidate, and coordinate all biometrics information assurance programs of the DoD in support of Network Centric Warfare. In so doing, the BMO executes a full spectrum of biometrics systems and technologies that are focused in providing Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines a technological edge in all environments by providing proven, reliable, and effective biometrics access systems in support of garrison and combat operations.